

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

22. (Amended.) A method for ~~treating~~ reducing scarring in acne-affected skin, comprising: topically administering to acne-affected skin an effective amount of ~~a composition that includes~~ an MMP inhibitor selected from the group consisting of genistein, quercetin, or a mixture thereof in a pharmaceutically and cosmetically acceptable carrier.
23. (Amended.) The method of claim 22, wherein the composition includes MMP inhibitor is genistein.
24. (Amended.) The method of claim 22, wherein the composition includes MMP inhibitor is quercetin.
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Claims 25-30 (Cancelled).

31. (Amended.) ~~A~~ The method of claim 23 ~~wherein the composition further comprises a compound comprising simultaneously treating~~ the acne with an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of an antiinflammatory agent, a retinoid, a glucocorticoid, an antioxidant, a comedolytic, and an antibacterial agent, and mixtures thereof.
32. (Original.) The method of claim 31, wherein the retinoid is selected from the group consisting of retinol, retinal, retinoic acid and etretinate.
33. (Original.) The method of claim 31, wherein the antibacterial is tetracycline.
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34. (Original.) The method of claim 31, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of NAC, vitamin C and FDO.

35. (Amended.) The method of claim 31, wherein the composition includes ~~a triazole~~ an inhibitor of cytochrome P-450.

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36. (Amended.) The method of claim 35, wherein the ~~triazole~~ cytochrome P-450 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of ketoconazole, fluconazole, itraconazole, liarozole, irtemazole and flucytosine.

37. (Original.) The method of claim 31, wherein the composition includes retinol.

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38. (Amended.) A method of claim 24 further comprising treating the acne by the administration of an active ingredient wherein the composition further comprises a compound selected from the group consisting of an antiinflammatory agent, a retinoid, a glucocorticoid, an antioxidant, and a comedolytic, ~~and an antibacterial agent and~~ mixtures thereof.

39. (Original.) The method of claim 38, wherein the retinoid is selected from the group consisting of retinol, retinal, retinoic acid and etretinate.

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41. (Original.) The method of claim 38, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of NAC, vitamin C and FDO.

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42. (Amended.) The method of claim 38, wherein the composition includes ~~a triazole~~ an inhibitor of cytochrome P-450.

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43. (Amended.) The method of claim 42, wherein the triazole cytochrome P-450 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of ketoconazole, fluconazole, itraconazole, liarozole, ivermazole and flucytosine.

44. (Original.) The method of claim 38, wherein the composition includes retinol.

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45. (Amended.) A method for ameliorating the symptoms of acne manifest as acne scarring, comprising: topically administering to an acne sufferer in need thereof an effective amount of genistein, quercetin, or a mixture thereof in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 46-47 (Cancelled).

48. (Amended.) The method of claim ~~44~~ 45, further comprising the administration of a retinoid.

49. (Amended.) The method of claim ~~44~~ 45, further comprising the administration of a triazole.

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50. (Amended.) The method of claim ~~44~~ 45, further comprising treating the acne by the administration of an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of an antiinflammatory agent, a retinoid, a glucocorticoid, an antioxidant, a comedolytic, an antibacterial agent except when quercetin is used, or a combination of two or more thereof.